

# HRRC Flyer

Official club newsletter of Hampton Roads Radio Control Inc.

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## Upcoming Events

March 20, 21 CVA Mall Show

March 20, NNPRC Frost Bite Fun Fly

April 10, 2004 Field Maintenance Workday.

April 10, TMSS Glider

April 23, 2004 HRRC Banquet @ Suffolk Holiday

Inn 6 pm.

April 24, 2004 Annual HRRC Fly-In

May 7, IOW Big Bird Fly In Open IMAA Rules, IMAA

membership NOT required

May 8, HRRC 'Scout' Air Show

May 15, CVA Spring Picnic Covered Dish

May 8 Scout Air Show, HRRC Field

May 21, 22, maybe 23 Float Fly @ DJ Robinette's

May 29, 30 TRC Jet Rally at Fentress

May 30, CVA Helicopter Fly-In

May 31, IOW Chicken Fry & Fly

July 24, 2004 HRRC Scale Fly-In (Sanctioned)

## Annual Banquet and Fly-In This Month

The 23rd and 24th of this month will be special days as the annual banquet and fly-in will be held. The events commemorate the founding of the club and are a great way to kick off the flying season. The banquet was a great success last year, and this year should be even better. Time is running out to get your 'reservations' to Bob Howell. There will be door prizes and other surprises for everyone. The next day will be the fly-in at the club field. If you haven't been to a 'fly-in', don't be shy. Whether you bring your favorite plane or a not, it's fine to just come and watch and help with some of the coordination. It may be intimidating if there happens to be a number of visitors, but they are all there for the same reason--to enjoy a good day of flying and camaraderie. There will be no landing fee, and an OS .91 Surpass will be raffled.

To get the field ready for the fly-in and the rest of the season, a field work-day will be held on April 10th. As always, the more volunteers that show up--the quicker the work will be. The club will be providing lunch, and the field will certainly be open after the work is done for flying.

## Rules of the Month from the By-Laws

17. Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and firearms are PROHIBITED by city ordinance at Lone Star Lakes Park and the Flying Site.

18. It is the responsibility of each member/flyer to report any violation of Hampton Roads Radio Control, Inc. Safety Rules to a Field Marshall, Safety Officer, Club Officer, Director, or Park Ranger.

## Meeting Highlights from April

Thirty two members, and two guests; Mike and Trish were present

The Minutes and Treasurers' Report were read. Club membership is now nearly 110, another all-time high. Four new members have signed up since the last meeting--they are:

Andy Hilding  
Jim Carroll  
Art Gould  
Andy Anderson

Gary Murdock made a safety presentation on recent rule changes from the AMA. They are included later in the newsletter. It was noted that the rule regarding intentionally touching the ground with any part of the plane other than the landing gear (except when landing) was designed to prevent 3-D flyers from breaking their rudder servos when 'tail-dipping' on dry land.

Banquet attendance is now over 50, the minimum to avoid a plated dinner. There is still time to get your payment to Bob Howell to reserve your seat. Last minute payments may not be accepted. Bob will be contacting those club members who have not committed yet to find their intentions.

Spring Fly-In assignments were discussed. Henry Cahoon will CD the event, and Bob Howell will cook. Keith Harrell will run the frequency impound, Jim Maguire will run pilot registration and the raffle. An OS .91 Surpass will be raffled. Tickets are available in advance from Dave Walkup. Since many people have invited friends to the event, the use of trainers and buddy boxes will be done as other flying

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Sat. 10-6 p.m. • Sun. 12-5 p.m.      Sat. 10-5 p.m. • Sun. 12-5 p.m.

radio control cars, planes & boats • slot cars • trains  
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toys • science items • tools & paints • gifts and more!

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The Club holds regular meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month at the location given below. More information is available on the web site: [hamptonroadsrc.com](http://hamptonroadsrc.com)

The Deadline for article submission is the date of the monthly meeting. Submit articles in any form to Rick Lawrence (editor)-[hrrc@cox.net](mailto:hrrc@cox.net) or (757) 623-0477.

The information contained herein and on the web site is for the sole and personal use of Club Members strictly for their enjoyment in the pursuit of building and flying radio controlled aircraft.

## Directions to the Club's Meetings

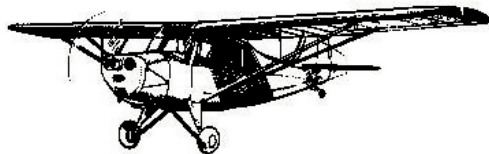
The Airline Parts and Service shop will be the meeting place until further notice. Meeting time is 7:30 pm.

Its address is: 3530 Airline Blvd., Portsmouth.

### DIRECTIONS:

From Norfolk / Va. Beach go through the downtown tunnel and stay on I-264 to the Greenwood Drive West exit. Proceed down two lights to Airline Blvd, turn right and the shop will be the second building on the left between the 7/11 and the Burger King.

From Suffolk follow Route 58 past our old meeting place and get in the left lane. This will turn into Airline Blvd. come up two lights, the shop is two buildings past second light on the left.



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Or call for an appointment

## Highlights from April Meeting (continued)

allows. Set-up for the event will begin at 8 am.

Start time for the Field Work Day on April 10th will be 8:30. Generators, extension cords, drills, saws, chain saws, axes etc. will be needed. Food and beverage for volunteers will be provided by the club. Bob Howell will investigate a trash box and gravel with the park administration. Major items to be tackled include:

- Clean out the drainage ditch
- Clear shrubbery from around the port-a-potty and hedgerow
- Fence Work
- Level gravel on the road

The May 8th Air Show will start at 11:00 am. There will be a practice session on May 1st at 10 am. Air Show Acts will be bomb drop, delta plane, parachute drop, banner tow, farmer act, "Sponge Bob", combat demo, and aerobatics. As a reminder, Bob Swain pointed out that planes that have not flown before are not permitted, and the pilot is responsible for the integrity of the plane at the show. Many helpers will be needed for the event. Please be at the practice session if you would like to fly or assist. An Ad is attached to this newsletter. If you know of a place that it could be placed in order to attract audiences, please copy & post the ad!

Another Air Show Team shirt order is in process. Contact Bob Swain to place your order. They are \$30 with patches included.

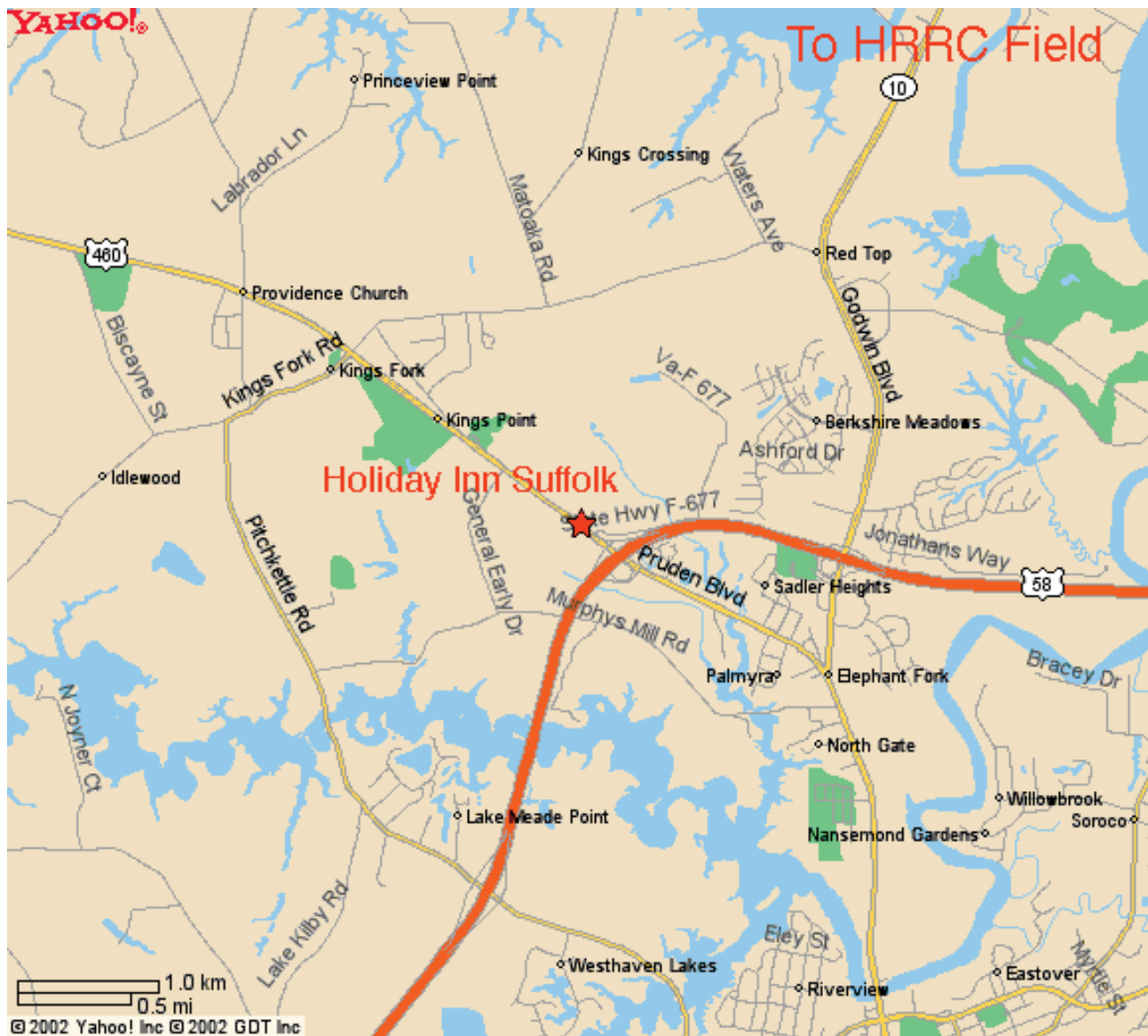
The Float Fly at Joe Robinette's will start at 9 am 21, 22, or 23 May. The decision on which day it will be held will be made about 3 days prior to determine which day will be the best weather. It is tentatively set for Friday and Saturday the 21st or 22nd. His address is 1709 Cotton Farm Ln, Suffolk, and can be found from Yahoo Maps. A map will be included in the May newsletter. If you need directions, call Joe directly.

Someone volunteered the club to participate in the Great Bridge Intermediate School Instructional Theme Day Friday May 28th. Bob Howell will pursue details and it was mentioned that it will be an opportunity for an air show.

Ronnie Ward mentioned that his son's friend lost his father recently, and was interested in bringing him in the field to involve him in some rewarding activities. He asked that the club members recognize his situation and be willing to help him.

All Season Flyer certification forms were available for anyone who has flown every month in the past year.

## Map to the Banquet--Holiday Inn, Suffolk



### Safety Discussion from the meeting.

The following are recent rule changes made by the AMA:

1. From the AMA Safety Code--“Under no circumstances may a pilot or other person touch a powered model in flight; **nor should any part of the model other than the landing gear, intentionally touch the ground, except while landing.**” Note, this rule revision is under review.
2. From combat competition regs--“**Any pilot involved in a midair collision must disengage from combat, and leave the combat arena.**” where once points were given for continuing after impact.
3. From the Membership Manual--**With the exception of events flown under AMA competition rules, after launch, except for pilots or helpers being used, no powered model may be flown closer than 25 feet to a person.**”